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The children left this morning for Staunton Hill for the Christmas holidays.

I went to a budget meeting at the White House at 10:30 this morning. Messrs. Lovett, Harriman, Foster, Kimball, Pace, Gilpatrick, and some Army and Navy officers were present, as well as Fred Lawton and some of his representatives from the Bureau of the Budget. We talked all morning about the cuts [redacted] made by the Bureau, and requested the restoration of many of them.

We resumed our meeting in Fred Lawton's office at 2:30 this afternoon and continued until dark.

At lunchtime I had a badly needed haircut.

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